

Norfolk tree mitigation standards for city trees damaged or removed without a permit.		
Infraction	Required Mitigation	
	Required tree planting to replace those removed	Required payment when there is no room to plant required trees and/or payment is approved
Topping, other improper and/or unapproved (failed to obtain a tree permit) pruning, or other damage (graffiti, carving, root pruning, etc.) caused to any city tree where tree may recover as assessed by the City Forester.	See required payment.	\$150.00 per tree for first incident (not to exceed \$300.00 for first incident for single family residential lots) and \$300.00 per tree for any additional incident
Removal, topping, other improper and/or unapproved (failed to obtain a tree permit) pruning, or other damage caused to a city crape myrtle to the point where it needs to be removed as assessed by the City Forester. Property owner shall be responsible for removing the tree(s).	1 inch caliper of new tree shall be planted for every 1 inch diameter of tree damaged and subsequently removed. New trees shall be at least 2 inch caliper in size.	\$500.00 per crape myrtle less than 5 inches DBH and \$100.00 per DBH for crape myrtles greater than 5 inches DBH
Topping, other improper and/or unapproved (failed to obtain a tree permit) pruning, or other damage caused to a city tree, other than crape myrtle, to the point where it needs to be removed as assessed by the City Forester. Property owner shall be responsible for removing the tree(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees less than or equal to 23 inches DBH: 2 inches shall be planted for every 1 inch diameter of tree damaged and subsequently removed. New trees shall be at least 2 inch caliper in size. • Trees greater than or equal to 24 inches DBH: 4 inches of caliper shall be planted for every 1 inch diameter of tree damaged and subsequently removed. New trees shall be at least 2 inch caliper in size. 	\$200.00 per DBH for trees less than or equal to 23 inches DBH and \$400.00 per DBH for trees greater than or equal to 24 inches DBH

Definitions:

- DBH (diameter at breast height) is the diameter of the trunk of a tree measured at 4.5 feet above the ground on the high side of the tree. Trees with multiple-stems emerging from the base or below 4.5 feet shall be measured at the narrowest point at the base of the tree below where the multiple stems originate.
- Caliper is the diameter of the trunk of nursery trees measured at 6 inches above the soil level.

Sec. 45-1. - Violations. Unless otherwise specified, any person violating any provision of this chapter or any permit issued pursuant to any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a new violation. In addition to any penalties imposed for each violation, a judge hearing the case may order the person responsible for such condition or violation to restore, remediate or correct the violation or condition, and each day's default in such restoration, removal or remediation after being so ordered shall constitute a violation of and a separate offense under this chapter.



Figure 1. Example of topped crape myrtle that will recover and only warrants a \$150.00 fine.



Figure 2: Example of a topped maple that will recover and only warrants a \$150.00 fine.



Figure 3. Example of extreme topping of a crape myrtle that requires removal and full mitigation based on DBH.



Figure 4. Example of extreme topping of a crape myrtle that requires removal and full mitigation based on DBH.



Figure 5. Example of extreme topping of a crape myrtle that requires removal and full mitigation based on DBH.



Figure 6. Example of extreme topping of a crape myrtle that requires removal and full mitigation based on DBH.



Figure 7. Example of extreme topping of oaks that requires removal and full mitigation based on DBH.